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TAGS: PINT, PFOR, GY, US

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF US INVOLVEMENT IN SUGAR STRIKE

REF: GEORGETOWN 0477

1. ON APRIL 5, TREFOR ELLIS, CHAIRMAN OF GUYANA SUGAR PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION, TOLD VISITING SENIOR SEMINAR MEMBERS OF CONVERSATION APRIL 3 IN WHICH PRIME MINISTER FORBES BURNHAM ALLEGED THAT USG WAS INVOLVED IN PROVIDING FUNDS TO STRIKING SUGAR WORKERS LED BY OPPOSITION PPP LEADER CHEDDI JAGAN (REFTEL). ELLIS OFFERED NO OTHER DETAILS NOR DID HE COMMENT ON HOW SERIOUS BURNHAM WAS. ON APRIL 7, AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED MATTER WITH BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER WHO AGREED ALLEGATION MADE NO SENSE AND ALLEGED ACTIONS WERE CONTRARY TO OBVIOUS US POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS.

2. COMMENT: WITH CONSPIRATORIAL VIEW OF HISTORY OF BURNHAM AND OF MOST GUYANESE, WE ARE ACCUSTOMED TO ALLEGATIONS OF US INVOLVEMENT IN GUYANESE AFFAIRS. CURRENT FLOOD OF CIA "EXPOSES" IN PRESS HAS FURTHERED DISPOSITION OF SOME TO ENTERTAIN OR ACCEPT WILD EXPLANATIONS FOR LOCAL EVENTS. WE WILL WATCH CLOSELY FOR ANY SIGNS THAT BELIEF US IS INVOLVED IN STRIKE IS SERIOUSLY HELD BY BURNHAM OR IS BEGINNING TO SPREAD.  
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